

SKETCHES IN THE CITY OF DENVER

Interesting People and Things Seen
in the Far West.

BUILT BY FORMER INVALIDS.

Many Handsome Residences and
Beautiful Yards — The Home of
"Lungers"—Manners and Char-
acteristics of the People.

DENVER, CO., June 14.—Special—
Standing on a mountain the other day
twelve thousand feet above the level of
the sea, I saw clouds gather below me,
and as the thunder rolled and the lightning
flashed, I thought "at last I am
no longer under the weather." This is
called the rainy season here, but there is
no rain. The clouds gather and never
break, but like the statics they seldom
warp. I never saw so many and such
promising clouds with so little rain.
But for irrigation, in fact, this portion of
Colorado would be a desert waste. The
rainfall of a year comes within a period
of about thirty consecutive days. The
months of April and May this year were
unusually dry, and the fields where there
is no irrigation present a pitiable spectacle.
The rivers present the appearance
of drying up, the Prairie, made famous
by the prairie, contains scarcely
enough water at various points to keep
up circulation. The more mighty favor-
ed ranches are irrigated by means of
ditches, beginning at some elevated point
of the river bed and continuing down
through the valley for miles, emptying
back into the river. Wherever you find
a field without irrigation it is almost
barren of vegetation and the cattle are
dry and dead. With a sufficient of wa-
ter, however, the lands are very fertile.
It is said that small stones on this land
grow easily to boulders of huge pro-
portions.

The journey from Richmond to Colo-
rado is not as tedious as might be ex-
pected. The scenery along the Southern's
far-famed Land of the Sky route, than
which there is no more superb spectacle
even in the Rocky Mountains, is a de-
lightful diversion for the first day of
two, and Pullman, to whom a monument
ought to be erected by his fellow-trav-
elers, has done his best to lessen the
fatigue and long journeys that no one need
suffer from exhaustion.

THE CLIFF DWELLERS.

A visit to the homes of the "clif-
dwellers" is of absorbing interest. The
inhabitants are for the most part Mexi-
cans, who came here years before the
Anglo-Saxons. Just when, whence or
how they came is a matter much mused
over by expert investigators, who are attrac-
ted either from every quarter of the earth
for investigation. I see the United States
government is concerning itself about
these weird wild creatures of the soil and
will of course settle the matter, perhaps
on a basis favorable to immigration and
therefore will rest until the "cliffs" get
into the census.

The cliff-dwellers occupy holes dug into perpendicular
hills and built out with mortar and stone
so that the front projects a few feet. The
dwellings are long-hatched, but not wild-
eyed, some of the women possessing fair
large brown eyes, which sparkle and flash
when aperged like a head-waiter's diamond.
They are lazy and innocent. I
think the appellation of "vagabond
tramps" suits them well.

THEY LIKE DENVER.

Denver is a beautiful city, and her in-
habitants are at least enterprising.
Everybody wants to "do something for
Denver," which is an incidental means
of doing something for themselves or
their friends with a personal raze off.

An elderly, wrinkled, respectable old man
told me that he had come to Richmond
to find a job, and I asked him if I could
find one for him. He said "no."

A former resident of Denver, who had
not had time to get an education, suddenly
becoming very rich, wanted to do
something to perpetuate his name and
fame. He erected a magnificent public
building there and authorized famous
artists to paint on its walls portraits of
great men. This work finished the bene-
factor came to inspect it. He asked and
was told the names of the men represented
by pictures. This was Napoleon,
Lincoln, and so on. When
he came to the portrait of Shakespeare,
which was the most conspicuous place
in the building, he asked:

"Who is that fellow?"
"This is Shakespeare," responded the
artist beaming with pride.

He looked at it a moment and then
turned to the artist saying:

"Cut him out and paint my picture in
his place. He ain't never done nothing for
Denver."

HANDSOME RESIDENCES.

The one distinguishing feature of Den-
ver is her beautiful residences. The style
of architecture varied and pleasing. In
fact, it is difficult to find two houses alike.
Many families have had moderate
means of their own and desire fine homes;
most of them doing nearly all of their own
housework.

Denver's women are not afraid of their hands. Some well-bred
women here who have either lost their
husband's or have met other reverses,
find employment as domestics, cooking or
cleaning for a salary daily, but never
complaining. This is made easier here,
where one's antecedents or former estate
are unknown and about which there is
little curiosity. They do not want to
know who your father was, but who are
you. The residences here are not crowded
together. Each has a large lawn,
the grass of which is kept green by
irrigation. Like "Tennyson's Brook" the
sprinklers are in constant motion, of course
the water is supplied from the
reservoir just as in any other city, and the
usual lawn sprinklers with hose are used.
The grass is kept soaking wet. The
green yards are in pleasing contrast
to the barren lands just beyond the city
limits.

MIXED POLITICS.

Mining is, of course, Colorado's greatest
industry. Even her aristocracy, which
the lack of water has reduced to
an minimum, is dependent upon it. There
is great activity in mining now, and the
industrial life of the state is healthy
and prosperous. Still everybody is for
free silver. But the real political sentiment
in Colorado is like the x in algebra,
an unknown quantity. State politics
is a tangled skein which I cannot unravel.
Here are silver Imperialists and
Republican Silverites and besides State
issues are sandwiched in between. If you
know gold, but take all you can get, and
stand at trusts, but try to pick up a
few crumbs by getting on the good side
of the powers that be, then you are all right
and can enter into the inner circle of
good fellowship with the powers that be.

There is one feature of Denver and
Colorado Springs which to a Virginian is
congenital. It is the hospitality of the
people. A stranger is always greeted with
warm courtesy and is made to feel
welcome. The busiest man is never too
busy to give some of his time, and
is ever ready to furnish helpful information.

If I write again I wish to tell about
the Virginians and other Southerners in
Colorado, many of whom have won distinction
in many walks of life.

JOHN S. IRBY.

GRAPHOPHONES.

"May be you haven't heard the greatly
improved phonographs of this little 'shop,'"
and the words have been so much im-
proved. Every word can be heard
clearly and undistorted. No trouble at all
to get loud records. We have all the hits
of the season—in songs, talking pieces,
bands, concert bells and brass bands. They
are going all the time. It's 'the thing'
to own a Graphophone. Walter D. Moses
& Co., 1005 Main street.

SAIL ON! SAIL IN!

THE MARSHALS AT THE UNIVERSITY

Connection of That Family With the
Institution.

FOUR GENERATIONS ARE THERE.

The Chief Justice Had a High Opinion
of the University and Many of
His Descendants Were
Educated There.

The connection of the well-known
Marshall family, one of the most prom-
inent in this state, with the University of
Virginia will be a subject of interest to
many of the alumni and friends of that
institution of learning.

As this family is very large, the writer
will confine his research to the immediate
descendants of John Marshall, Chief Justice
of the United States and the most
famous member of the family.

John Marshall was a man of great
intellectual refinement because he never
had the advantages of a college education.
We do not know how he took any
advantage in the foundation of the
University of Virginia. When it was
founded he was an old man, and his sons
were all past their majority, having been
educated at Harvard. There is reason,
however, to suppose that John Marshall
had a high opinion of the University of
Virginia, for during his life time, in 1831,
his oldest grandson, being prepared to
enter college, was sent there. As this
boy went there directly from the house
of his grandfather it is reasonable to
suppose that the latter had been educated
at the University.

The young man mentioned above, as the
first of John Marshall's descendants at
the University of Virginia, was John
Marshall, son of Thomas Marshall, who
was the oldest of the Chief Justice.
He was at the time of his entrance there
seventeen years old. He was at the Uni-
versity only one year. He was after-
wards a lawyer, being at Oak Hill, in
Fairfax County, the country home of
the Chief Justice. During his short life
he was well known throughout the country,
being sent several times to the Virginia
Legislature. In 1856 he died in Cliffepe-
rige county.

His brother, Fielding Lewis Marshall,
born in 1819, was a student at the Uni-
versity of Virginia for three years—1826,
1827, and 1828. In 1827 he was made a First
Lieutenant in the Confederate army, and
served all through the war. After the
war he was for a while a teacher in Vana-
nia, Ga. He is now living at Orange
Court House, Va., a prominent member
of the community. Like his brother, he
has served several terms in the Virginia
Legislature.

In presenting the flag, Miss Drewry
said:

"Confederate Veterans, Sons and
Daughters of the Confederacy: To-
morrow will be the ninety-first anniversary
of the birth of Jefferson Davis, the
first and only President of the
Confederate States of America. A more
noble Christian or more elegant gentle-
man never breathed. He was 'sound in
faith, in charity, in patience.' I take
this occasion to present to the memory
of my aunt, Mollie R. Maeght Rosenberg,
the chapter president for his widow,
Mrs. Jefferson Davis Chapter No. 47,
Galveston, Texas, the flag he loved so
well, not 'Old Glory,' but 'Glory Halle-
luia' as a chrysanthemum called it. Offer-
ing to Mrs. Mollie. Accept this flag for
your chapter and may you all, your
children, and your children's children
be as noble, noble and heroic as were
the women who loved and served the
brave soldiers who fought and suffered
under the Confederate flags from 1861
to 1865. I also present to the chapter in my
aunt's name a picture of Mrs. Varina
Jefferson Davis, the widow of our
beloved President, Jefferson Davis, and
mother of the 'Southern Queen' of our
Southland, Miss Varina Davis."

The response was made by Mrs. Mrs.
Carroll Stone, president, Texas
Division U. D. C. Mrs. Stone said:

"At the last general convention of the
Daughters of the Confederacy, held at
Hot Springs, Ark., a constitutional
amendment was adopted requiring each
chapter to be used on their anniversary
of the birth of Jefferson Davis, the
Confederate flag, to be used on their
anniversary. Mrs. Henry Rosenberg,
with the other members of our
chapter, voted to do this, and we are
glad to do it in honor of the great
Confederate soldier."

The first of this year grandsons to us
there was Thomas Marshall Jones, of
Pleasant, Va., who is a son of John
Marshall, son of the Chief Justice.

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